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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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several changes were to occur at the Schoenwalde (N 53/2 66) airfield in the near future. The ground personnel were probably to be transferred, and only the flying personnel were to remain at the field. Commandant Vereshchinski. (fnu) was to be transferred. He was still stationed at the field between 11 and 13 December when he participated in a conference in Merder (N 53/2 53).

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about 15 to 20 new air force officers arrived at the field on 10 December, and the artillery troops were to stay at the field despite the intended changes.

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2. About 35 or 36 single-engine aircraft, 13 to 16 twin-engine aircraft, and two or three biplanes were seen on the landing field between 1 and 5 December.

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3. The single-engine aircraft made practice flights on 6 December. Two formations of nine planes each, were observed. Sixteen single-engine aircraft practiced flying on 7 December, and eight twin-engine planes made flights on 11 December. There was flying with single-engine and twin-engine aircraft on 13 and 14 December. Two twin-engine aircraft were flying on 14 December.

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4. The biplanes and single-engine aircraft at the field had a two-man crew consisting of a pilot and a navigator, and the twin-engine planes had a four-man crew, i.e., a pilot, a technician, a radio operator, and a navigator.

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5. all aircraft at the field had to be ready to take-off at all times and all planes had to be checked for fuel reserves each morning and evening.

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8. [] a nervousness prevailed among the officers of the flying personnel for some days, the reason for which could not be determined. On 2 December it was observed that the officers of three houses assembled in front of their houses and that another officer read to them from a paper.

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9. Two dull-green, twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies took off [] on 14 December and headed toward the southwest. They had []

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[] two plexiglass cockpits on the fuselage, the rear one just in line with the trailing edges of the wings.

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10. About 40 to 50 single-engine, ground attack aircraft were parked in front of the hangars at the field on 16 and 17 December. There was no flying.

11. A settlement opposite the mill near the field was only occupied by a few Soviet dependents. [] laborers of the Hennigsdorf (N 53/2 76) Steel Works were quartered in the other houses of the settlement.

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12. The four masts were again set up near the radio installation southwest of the field. An antenna rod about 2 meters high was on top of the hut in the center of the square. (6) A line, consisting of two wires, led from the radio installation to the telephone line south of the Schoenwalde-Doetzow (N 53/2 66) road. This line was apparently two wires. No activity was seen near the radio installation.

13. No change was observed at the radio truck west of the field. The T-antenna with seven crossbars pointed in a NE-SW direction almost parallel to the runway. It could be seen that two wires hung down from one side of the upper crossrod. The seven crossbars were believed to be of the same length. []

14. All guns of the AA emplacement on the western edge of the field were covered with tarpaulins. No soldiers were seen there.

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15. The occupation of the field was still the same on 26 December. Individual flights were made [] with a 300-meter cloud base and good visibility. During flying activity, the radar set west of the field was not in operation and still pointed in the same direction. [] The radio installation with four masts was unchanged.

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16. Sixteen single-engine, low-wing monoplanes continually took off from and landed at the field [] on 28 December. Flying in formations of three planes was practiced. The weather was good.

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17. A fuel dump, surrounded by light poles, was seen for the first time on the northern edge of the field. It was about 500 meters to the right of the Schoenwalde-Poetzow highway, just in front of the tank barracks. Six large containers were semi-underground and guarded by two Soviet Air Force sentries.

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Comments.

The commander of the regiment, Colonel Vereshchinski (fnu), was previously reported. [redacted] The transfer of the ground personnel probably means that the personnel were to move into quarters not located on the field. It would be improbable that the flying personnel remain at the field if the ground personnel were transferred to another field.

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- (2) The number and type of aircraft indicate that the occupation has not changed. One ground attack regiment and one air reconnaissance regiment are still believed to be stationed in Schoenwaldo.
- (3) The information indicates that the ground attack regiment is always alerted.
- (4) The same name was previously reported. [redacted] Smirnov is a guards lieutenant (Tech)

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[redacted] The smallest formation of a ground attack regiment is probably a flight of four planes. Nyeleshkin was previously reported.

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[redacted] The installation is probably an Adcock DF station. [redacted] previously reported that the masts of the installation were removed.

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The utilization of the antenna is not known. Similar antennae have been observed at almost all of the airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The antenna is either a directional aerial or a radar set. For location and sketch of antenna, [redacted] The antennae are not believed to rotate. For location of radio installations, [redacted]

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